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Amendment Filed With Request for Continued
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REMARKS

Claims 1, 5-18, 20-24 and 40-43 are pending in this application and were previously allowed in the Notice of Allowance dated January 13, 2004. Claim 1 has been revised slightly. Claim 1 is independent.

It is believed that the foregoing revisions to claim 1 do not alter the patentability of this invention.

More specifically, claim 1 has been revised to clarify that this invention does not require the selection of the particular viscosity glass coating liquid/water mixture to take place at a particular time relative to the processing of the substrate. These changes are made merely to make explicit what was believed to be apparent in the previous version of claim.¹

Applicants also wish to address the following point from the Notice of Allowance and the Notice of Allowability mailed on January 13, 2004.

The title of the invention as set forth in the Notice of Allowance contains an error; "treating a surface of a surface of a" should read – treating a surface of a --.

The Notice of Allowability does not reflect the filing of the priority documents for this case. Applicants wish to point out that this application is a continuation under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of U.S. patent no. 6,087,018, that the priority documents were filed in that parent application, and a suitable claim to priority appears on the face of the '018 patent. Accordingly, those priority documents need not be resubmitted in this application.

¹ Claim 1 read in part "when the substrate has been subjected to...". In this regard, it should be noted that one definition of "when" is "in the event that". Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary (1987).

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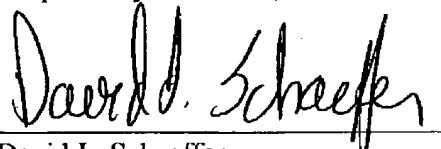
Confirmation that the priority documents were received in the parent case is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that all claims pending in this application are patentable over the prior art. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are respectfully requested.

Lastly, save for the Request for Continued Examination fee paid herewith, no fee is believed to be due in connection with the claims presented in this Amendment. If, however, the Commissioner deems any such fee to be required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge that fee to deposit account no. 19-4709.

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